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Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *MB Dockets No. 98-120, 00-96, 07-18, and 07-91*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that, on February 15, 2008, Chase Carey, Romulo Pontual, Susan Eid, and Stacy Fuller on behalf of DIRECTV, Inc. met with Commissioner Adelstein and his legal advisor, Rudy Brioché; Commissioner McDowell and his legal advisor, Cristina Pauzé; and Rick Chessen and Scott Deutchman, legal advisors to Commissioner Copps. During these meetings, the DIRECTV representatives discussed the public interest benefits of the proposed transaction in which Liberty Media Corporation (“Liberty”) would assume *de facto* control of DIRECTV from News Corporation (“News”). For those concerned about consolidation of media companies, Mr. Carey emphasized that the transaction would result in de-consolidation by removing News from the DIRECTV ownership chain and divesting Liberty’s interest in News. DIRECTV reiterated its commitment and strong desire to provide local service via satellite in as many markets as possible. This commitment is borne out by the fact that DIRECTV will soon offer local service in 150 local markets, well over twice as many as it offered when News assumed control of the company. Moreover, DIRECTV has already begun to implement a plan to offer a seamless, integrated local channel package in all markets by the end of this year. Subscribers to the overwhelming majority of DIRECTV’s programming packages receive a \$3.00 discount in markets where DIRECTV does not provide local signals via satellite.

In addition, the DIRECTV representatives discussed the significant challenges presented by any obligation to carry all local broadcast stations in high definition (“HD”) format in any market where any broadcast station is carried in HD format. If imposed prematurely, such a requirement would disrupt existing HD service to tens of millions of consumers and deprive millions more of local HD content they would otherwise receive in markets where the service is

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scheduled to be launched. Moreover, any such requirement for HD local carriage would have a serious adverse impact on DIRECTV's ability to roll out local service via satellite in standard definition format in any additional markets beyond 150.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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cc: Commissioner Adelstein  
Commissioner McDowell  
Rudy Brioché  
Cristina Pauzé  
Rick Chessen  
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